

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 224 – HB 334

March 14, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Changes the term “physician” to “direct primary care physician”, and changes the enforcing disciplinary entity for breaching a direct primary care agreement from the “Board of Medical Examiners” to the “appropriate licensing board”, as each relate to the *Health Care Empowerment Act*. Authorizes chiropractor physicians to enter into a direct primary care agreement with an individual patient or the patient’s legal representative.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004927): Adds language to the original bill that states nothing in this act authorizes a chiropractic physician to use a title other than the titles recognized in Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-109(a)(1).

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), allowing chiropractor physicians to enter into direct primary care agreements could impact the DOH in disciplinary matters.
- Any disciplinary actions taken by an appropriate licensing board will take place during regularly-scheduled board meetings and can be accomplished within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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